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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) CA, WPIDS		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched SEE ELECTRONIC DATABASES		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) CAPLUS, WPIDS, MEDLINE, AGRICOLA, BIOSIS (sphingosine kinase, EC 2.7.1.91, overexpressi?, expressi?, endotheli?, huvec		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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X	WO 2002000887 A (MEDVET SCIENCE PTY. LTD.) 3 January 2002 See whole document	1-43
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X	WO 2001074837 A (SANKYO COMPANY LIMITED et al) 11 October 2001 See whole document	1-43
X	WO 2000070028 A (JOHNSON & JOHNSON RESEARCH PTY. LIMITED) 23 November 2000. See whole document	1-43
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X	Katsuma, S. <i>et al.</i> 2002. Signalling mechanisms in sphingosine 1-phosphate-promoted mesangial cell proliferation. <i>Genes to Cells</i> . 7:1217-1230. See whole document.	1, 2, 4-26
X	Nava, V.E. <i>et al.</i> 2002. Sphingosine kinase type 1 promotes estrogen-dependent tumorigenesis of breast cancer MCF-7 cells. <i>Experimental Cell Research</i> . 281:115-127. See whole document	1, 2, 4-26
X	Ancellin, N. <i>et al.</i> 2002. Extracellular export of sphingosine kinase-1 enzyme. Sphingosine 1-phosphate generation and the induction of angiogenic vascular maturation. <i>The Journal of Biological Chemistry</i> . 277(8):6667-6675. See whole document	1, 2, 4-26
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A	Aleman, R. <i>et al.</i> 2001. Depolarisation induces rapid and transient formation of intracellular sphingosine-1-phosphate. <i>FEBS Letters</i> . 509:239-244. See whole document	1-43

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos :

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos : 20-24, 27, 28, 43 partially

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

These claims are directed to any agent, analogue, equivalent, mimetic, agonist or antagonist capable of modulating the functional level of SK. The scope of these terms is such that any and all known and unknown molecules or compounds are encompassed. This is clearly beyond the teaching and scope of the specification. Hence the search has been limited to the over-expression of sphingosine kinase and not to any and all molecules or compounds that may have this effect.

3. ☐ Claims Nos :

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

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WO	2002028906	AU	23593/02	EP	1326986	US	2003125533
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